

receiving information directly from the Internet such as “push” type data including stock ticker information, sports scores, news, etc.

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The auxiliary display unit 307 may be set to receive display information that may have been part of the domain of the main display unit 207 in conventional computer system environments. For example, the responsibility for displaying information regarding separate applications (e.g., stock tickers, weather reports, and traffic reports) may be assigned to the auxiliary display unit 307. Also, the auxiliary display unit 307 could receive display information normally associated with the task bar, system messages and notification of events (e.g., time, power status, email and messaging notification, printer information, volume control, dialog box notifications of system events etc.) on the main display unit 207. In an illustrative embodiment, the auxiliary display unit 307 may receive display information for a “system tray” in an OS such as Win9x/NT™ from Microsoft® Corporation of Redmond, Washington. According to another illustrative embodiment, the display panel of the auxiliary display unit can function as the UI for Internet radio and television, video, “push information”, an MP3 player or even become the hardware equivalent of a Windows® media player distributed by Microsoft® Corporation. Depending upon the characteristics of the auxiliary display unit, it may be scaled to provide a UI for certain functionality that is richer than what may be available with the main display unit. The auxiliary display panel UI may span from simple LED notifications to text-to-speech conversion of incoming email messages, to a full UI with a touch panel interface and a graphics picture frame.

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According to an embodiment of the present invention, when the main display is in a screensaver or off mode or the host computer is not on or in a hibernate mode, sufficient hardware and software functionality can be provided in the auxiliary display unit to allow the auxiliary display unit to bypass the host computer and connect directly to the server (Internet or local) to operate autonomously, that is perform a specific application such as checking email